



KIDS & CULTURE >>

"Want to go to the park in the morning?" Don't pencil in an exact time. People here are less precise about time. "Morning" can be between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m.



WHAT'S FOR DINNER? >>

Long a cultural crossroads, this country has plenty of exotic dishes. One of the most popular foods is *ful medames*—seasoned fava beans with bread and eggs.



BRING THIS >>

Sunglasses! Most of this country sits in the blazing desert, although northern areas get some rain. Water comes from the Nile, the world's longest river.



TRAVEL TIP >>

Ride a camel! Camels are native to this country, and their bodies are uniquely designed to deal with the climate. They can go for a week without drinking water!



LOOK FOR THIS >>

The famous Great Pyramid of Giza was built as a burial site for Khufu, a pharaoh. Built from limestone blocks, the pyramid is taller than the Statue of Liberty.



CHECK IN > DAY ONE

CULTURE >

Like kids everywhere, Egyptian children enjoy different ball games. Some scholars believe that Egyptians were the world's first to enjoy ball sports. Pictures on ancient monuments portray what seem to be field hockey, golf, handball and other sports. But these pictures rarely included rules, leaving historians to wonder how these games were played.

ACTIVITY >

Without rules, sports would be difficult! Combine sports equipment from around your house and imagine that rules haven't been created yet. Invent a new way of playing together—making it fun and fair for everyone.

LAYOVER > DAY TWO

ACTIVITY >

Five thousand years ago, the ancient Egyptians had a sophisticated system of writing that used pictures and symbols to express ideas. Make Egyptian "cartouches" together—ancient name tags made of pictures. For every letter in your name, draw a simple symbol or picture that represents you in some way. Consider birth order, things you like, talents that God has given you, favorite subjects in school, favorite foods, etc. Mix them up and see if you can guess whose cartouche belongs to whom (**Proverbs 22:1**).



PRAY >

Religious persecution is common in this part of the world. Pray for the safety of Christians, and that Focus on the Family Middle East can minister to our brothers and sisters who suffer.